



THE DO'S CORNER

It has been a busy year so far for Civil Air Patrol, and it doesn't look like it will be letting up any time soon. Feedback from the support we provided for Task Force Columbia, numerous National Weather Service missions, plus hundreds of day-to-day missions has all been exceptional. Keep up the great work! As we head into what is traditionally our busiest operational season of the year, keep safety foremost in your minds. We have many great opportunities ahead of us, but it only takes one lapse in judgment or a simple mistake to ruin all that we've worked so hard to achieve. Hope you have a safe and relaxing summer!

John A. Salvador
Director of Operations

SAFETY

FIRST AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT OF THE YEAR

On 22 March, CAP's first aircraft accident of FY03 occurred when a C-182R crashed near North English, IA. The airfield is known as White Pigeon or 7IA1. The PIC was 2Lt James E. Johnson, age 52, a Private Pilot with approximately 220 flight hours. The Instructor Pilot, Major Christie M. Battle, age 55, a CFI with approximately 1100 flight hours, also served as the Iowa Wing Chaplain. Major Battle was fatally injured and Lt Johnson suffered four broken ribs. The flight was released as a C-1, proficiency mission. 7IA1 is a turf field with a 2400'x70' East/West runway and a 1077'x70' North/South taxiway. Although the winds were from the West, the crew landed on the short North taxiway, back-taxed to the end and departed from the same taxiway. After takeoff, the aircraft appeared to have entered a left turn, tried to out-climb the power lines and lost control. The aircraft banked approximately 90 degrees to the right, the left wing struck a power line and the right wing struck the fence off the departure end - both of which are perpendicular to the taxiway. The aircraft was destroyed. There is no indication that there was anything wrong with the aircraft at the time of the accident. The NTSB, NCR and the Iowa Wing are currently investigating.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

CISM

The dates for scheduled CISM training are listed below. If you are interested in training for your members, contact Lt Col Sherry Jones, Special Advisor to the National Commander for CISM. The planning process should begin 90-120 days prior to the course.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>
July 26-27	St. Louis, MO	20 May: Dianna Bush, Capt./NCR CISTC mowingdae@hotmail.com
August 23-24	National Board Meeting, Las Vegas, NV	11 July: contact HQ/DOS dos@cap.gov

NATIONAL SAR SCHOOL

Inland SAR Courses continue to be popular and we have had maximum participation. Please let us know if you are interested in attending. HQ CAP/DOS coordinates the CAP slots, and the other positions are filled with state and local people. Primary CAP attendees should be incident commanders and incident commanders-in-training. Members with other ES qualifications fill-in as slots are available. Pilots are also needed to provide the airpower perspective. The more ES experience a member has, the better the chance of being selected to attend the class. It is very important to **look ahead and apply early**. We have to submit names of attendees to the SAR School 45 days in advance. When you are committed to attending, submit a CAPF 17 through channels, but

also send us a copy by fax (334-953-6342/4242) or notify us by e-mail at dos@capnhq.gov with name, address, phone numbers and email. The following courses now have openings:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>
4-8 August 2003	USCG Tracen Yorktown, Virginia	19 June 2003
20 – 24 October 2003	MS – Grenada	5 September 2003
17 – 21 November 2003	KY – Frankfort	2 October 2003
8 – 12 December 2003	RI – Cranston	24 October 2003
12 – 16 January 2004	MN – Minneapolis/St Paul	26 November 2003
26 – 30 January 2004	VA – TRACEN Yorktown	19 December 2003
23 – 27 February 2004	MD – Reisterstown	5 January 2004
15 – 19 March 2004	IN – Camp Atterbury	26 January 2004
26 – 30 April 2004	MT – Livingston	15 March 2004
17 – 21 May 2004	TX – Alvin (Houston area)	29 March 2004
7 – 11 June 2004	VA – TRACEN Yorktown	19 April 2004
2 – 6 August 2004	VA – TRACEN Yorktown	14 June 2004

NATIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICES ACADEMY

There are still some slots available at the 2003 National ES Academy. This activity continues to be popular and traditionally accepts almost 1/3 of all the special activities applicants. Many slots are available for the Mission Base Staff School (MBSS) Basic and Advanced courses. A very limited number of slots are also available in the National Ground Search And Rescue School (NGSAR) program for Basic NGSAR Session 2 and Advanced NGSAR Session 1. CAPF 31's with wing approval need to be forwarded to HQ CAP/DOSP as soon as possible.

DRAFTS OF NEW CAPR 60-3 & 60-5 AVAILABLE ONLINE

Drafts of CAP Regulations 60-3 and 60-5 have been finalized and are now available for NB review/comment on the "e-services" section of the NHQ website. Send comments and suggestions for these CAP regulations through the chain of command to HQ CAP/DOS so they can be incorporated into the final draft that will be considered for approval at the August National Board.

PERSONAL LOCATOR BEACONS

On the first of July of this year, Personal Locator Beacons (PLB) will be authorized for use within the continental United States. The FCC amendment assigns the responsibility to respond to PLBs to the states. It classifies activated beacons as a missing person incident, but we know that many of you could be assigned as primary responders on these incidents. The AFRCC will continue to coordinate required federal assistance using agencies like Civil Air Patrol, to support local and state agencies when needed in a missing person incident. CAP could also provide assistance locally under existing or new agreements. It is recommended that key personnel at the wing level contact your state's SAR coordinator to determine what the procedures for responding to these incidents will be within your state, and disseminate guidance to subordinate units on this issue as soon as possible. Limited tests in Alaska indicate that PLBs will probably not have as high a false alarm rate as emergency locator transmitters (ELT) or emergency position indicating radio beacons (EPIRB). However, until the beacons are fielded, we can't reliably say that we will not get many more PLB missions in addition to our regular workload across the country. For more information, visit the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center web site at: <http://www2.acc.af.mil/afrccl/>.

NATIONAL OPERATIONS CENTER

UPDATE

The NOC has been extremely busy coordinating mission approvals for counterdrug and homeland security missions requested by CAP customers all across the country. In addition to counterdrug and homeland security missions, the NOC is also able to coordinate approval for CAP missions requested by Air Force bases, for missions not covered by an approved MOU, and for Category C missions that need HQ approval (including carrying non-CAP passengers). Consider the NOC to be the primary focal point for all missions except those approved by AFRCC, AFNSEP, CAP-USAF LR, or an AF-approved MOU.

During a recent meeting with 1st Air Force (1st Air Force is the organization operationally responsible for air defense of the United States), CAP was asked to notify 1st Air Force whenever we fly exercises or missions near sensitive areas like nuclear power plants, large dams, etc. **To comply with this request, units should notify the NOC via e-mail with the date(s)/location(s) of the exercise so that we can consolidate the information and notify 1st Air Force on a timely basis. Please provide this information at least one week in advance of the event to make sure we give 1st Air Force enough advance notice.**

The CAP National Operations Center can also be reached toll-free at 1-888-211-1812 or via fax at 334-953-6342/4242 or via e-mail at opscenter@capnhq.gov.

STAN-EVAL

TREND ANALYSIS AND WING SUPPLEMENTS

A summary of the trend analysis information for the period Jun-Dec 02 is available on our Website at <http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/do/dov/index.html>. Also, we have completed placing current wing supplements to CAPR 60-1 on the DOV website http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/do/dov/Supplements60_1/index.htm. We encourage all wings to submit new supplements electronically. This expedites the coordination, approval, and posting process. CAPR 60-1 supplements should be sent to pkalisky@capnhq.gov.

FLIGHT TRAINING

GLIDER OPS

HQ CAP/DOT recently submitted an all-inclusive CAP Glider Package for HQ CAP and CAP-USAF coordination. The package addressed issues such as broad program goals, glider program history, the original glider acquisition legal opinion, fleet size goal, utilization rates, requirements for glider acquisition and retention, CAP glider minor maintenance reimbursement rate, glider needs in the CAP Program Objective Memorandum (POM), current glider acquisition issues, a CAP glider training plan, and a suggested change to AFI 10-2701. The package was submitted to resolve several glider program issues that have glider program growth at a stand still. After coordination the package will be available from the CAP training web site at <http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/do/dot/index.htm>.

COMMUNICATIONS

NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Malcolm Kyser, Fred Strickland, and Pete Wharton, have been working on CAP's input to the new DoD 138-150.8 MHz Frequency Plan. This plan will affect the VHF-FM radio frequency assignments that CAP will be transitioning to in the not too distant future. With strong support from both the Air Education and Training Command (our USAF MAJCOM) and the Air Force Frequency Management Office, CAP's requirements have been officially presented. We have every indication that our current and future needs will be well covered by this new plan.

Mark Kunkowski and Randy Grigg have also been working hard on the NTC's portion of the Avionics Exchange Program. New lockable storage cabinets have been installed and the equipment has been organized based on its condition. Working in close coordination with Dan Daniel and his staff in LGM, the program is coming together quite nicely.

COUNTERDRUG & HOMELAND SECURITY

CONEMP

On Sunday, 4 May 03, representatives from CAP and the Air Force met in Atlanta GA to participate in a CAP Concept of Employment (CONEMP) for Homeland Security Working Group. Mr. Johnny Jones, from the College of Aerospace Doctrine, Research, and Education at Maxwell AFB, facilitated the working group. The Air Force has approved CAP's Concept of Operations (CONOPS) for Homeland Security and CAP has briefed Secretary Ridge on its HLS CONOPS. The next step is for CAP to develop a CONEMP for Homeland Security. The CONOPS describes what CAP will do to support homeland security and provides an overall picture of the operations. The CONEMP describes how CAP will support homeland security and provides an overall picture of employment. The CONEMP serves three purposes:

Advocacy - sells the idea

Resourcing - provides needed resources (provides justification for funding and additional resources)

Framework for employment - provides sufficient detail to sell the idea, resource the idea and describe the specifics of employment

This document will provide HQ USAF and the Department of Homeland Security planners and programmers the information needed to determine the level of funding and resourcing required for CAP to support homeland security operations. The CONEMP also establishes the parameters and responsibilities for CAP wings to implement the mission once funding is received. A draft of CAP's CONEMP for Homeland Security will be presented to the Board of Governors at their meeting in June.

COUNTERDRUG ONLINE ORIENTATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

The online CAP National Counterdrug Orientation and Refresher Training courses will be available by the end of May. Instructions on how to access the courses will be provided when the courses are made available. The

courses will be significantly shorter than the previous National Counterdrug Orientation and Refresher Telecourses. The online courses will be made available twice a year for a two-month period (Mar - Apr and Sep - Oct). CAP members will be able to complete the courses at home on their own time during the periods the courses are made available. The courses are broken down into modules that may be completed at different times with a break between modules or all at one sitting. These online courses will be dedicated to the memory of CAP Lt Col Norm Edwards who was killed in a helicopter crash on Tuesday, 6 May 2003. Col Edwards was a special agent with the U. S. Customs Service as well as the Director of Operations for the Oklahoma Wing and the Southwest Region Counterdrug Director. Col Edwards had been integrally involved in CAP's counterdrug program and orientation training for over a decade. He provided CAP members counterdrug orientation and refresher training when it was conducted at the region level by USCS and DEA agents. He was a premier presenter for Customs and later CAP during the National Counterdrug Orientation Telecourses and was a key player in the development of the online National Counterdrug Orientation and Refresher Training courses. In his Customs role, he provided expert advice and assistance to continually improve CAP's counterdrug program and to tighten-up procedures and accountability. Col Edwards was a superb ambassador for CAP throughout the counterdrug community. He will be greatly missed.

USEFUL WEB SITES

This is the link to the Air Force Safety Center Magazines.

<http://www.afsc.saia.af.mil/magazine/htdocs/index.html>

A *Safety Program Management Book*, courtesy of Col Bill Lord, National Safety Officer, was recently posted to the CAP Safety website. This is an outstanding continuity book that will keep CAP Safety Officers organized and help ensure that all safety program requirements are met. Check it out at:

[http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/do/dor/Special Interest/special_interest.htm](http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/do/dor/Special%20Interest/special_interest.htm)

This is the link to the online exams page at the NTC. Several members have reported difficulty in accessing online programs. As of this printing all exams and links are functioning properly.

[http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/es/Online Exams.htm](http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/es/Online%20Exams.htm)

This is the link to the Exxon Mobile CAP eStore. This is a new partnership for CAP that allows all 52 wings to pool their buying power to acquire lubricants for the aircraft fleet. Some of the features of the eStore include a tax waiver, individual member discounts on Exxon Aviation Oil Elite 20W-50 (savings of approximately 20% over retail) and enhanced visibility for CAP through co-development of marketing materials.

www.eliteetc.com

Click on the Civil Air Patrol button to login. The login is case sensitive. Use CAP/CAP2003 for the username/password or cap/cap2003. Either one will work. From there you can request an individual account.

There is a 10% discount for CAP members. The coupon code is "CAP2003" and should be entered during the checkout process.

Do you have a useful web site that you think others should know about? Please send us the link.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

An SR-71 Blackbird pilot called up the local Center identifying himself only by his call sign. "Center, this is StarGazer with you, requesting flight level six-zero-zero." The controller came back with an indignant tone and asked, "StarGazer, how in the world do you think you're gonna climb to 60,000 feet?" After a brief pause the pilot replied, "Ah, Center? We don't wanna climb. We wanna descend."

Send us your funny ops-related pictures, cartoons, or even stories so that everyone can enjoy them – we could all use some humor in our lives.

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